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Photograph and bio-
graphical sketch, of
Mark Probert, in
March issue.

- A STRIKING CORROBORATION -

On the 18th day of January, 1948, the Control known only as "Mr. X", speaking through the trance medium Mark Probert, and in reply to several questions by Dr. Philip Cosman, contributing Editor for Round Robin and Flying Roll, made the following statements:

The great idea is to keep the mind away from the body. Most ailments are due to meditation upon the physical self. The mind creates your physical ills, but it can destroy them also.

There is no such thing as freedom from the physical, on any plane of being. All is gradation. Dense matter shades off into finer and finer particles. You cannot divide the universe into matter and mind. These two are gradations of the basic realness. Only in this way can either be understood. The gradations become mind, and become dense matter.

Diseases produced by germs come before the germs, in a metaphysical sense. That is because the thought attracts the disease germ. Germs and bacilli belong to the etheric world and not to the physical. They become physical and enter it when they are attracted by it; then they feed upon it like vampires. Consider what you call a cured case of tuberculosis. It is really an arrested case. If the morale is lowered, if the right mental conditions are set up, the disease will return.

Germs are foreign to the physical body; that is why they cause such havoc. They exist and have their sustenance in the psychic world, and there they do no harm. But in the physical they set up a state of irritation, since they are acting there as foreign bodies. But being etheric or psychic in their basic nature, the mind or psyche can resist them. If the mental functioning is right the mind can and does resist all attacks against itself and against the body also. The physical body is not capable of suffering, by itself and without the psychic (etheric) body. .. In the case of a child, it is only the body that is young - the entity itself may be very old, and brings over with it many traces and inheritances of former lives. The disease germs do not know they are in a child; they only know they are in a condition or position that irritates them. ...

So far, the trance control. Now, in the Magazine LIFE, for January 26, 1948, page 53, appears an article, with five large-scale photographs, entitled VIRUSES DESTROY A CELL. These photographs, the article states, were taken by use of the improved electron microscope, and "constitute landmarks in biological research". The viruses are shown attacking a cell from outside (incidentally, the flagellae are visible) and also destroying it from within. "The first thing revealed was, that viruses multiply when they get inside a cell". They are shown to "swarm around the cell as if it were a magnet." Some viruses are known to be harmless, others are deadly, and their means of multiplication is as yet unknown to contemporary biology.

We invite attention to the fact that the observed data, recorded in these photographs, fit perfectly into the basic concept proposed by communicator "X"

He speaks of germs and bacilli, that he would have included the viruses, bacteria and spores if these terms had been brought into the conversation there is no doubt whatever. The pictures show what happens to a single cell, but the biologist at least can imagine what happens to millions of cells attacked simultaneously. The concept offered by "Mr. X" offers a completely new vista in histology and physiology.

What seems to be the case, as it is envisioned by the communicator, is that bacilli and other micro-organisms exist as parts of the etheric body, and in that condition are innocuous. But since the etheric body is, as it were, interspersed throughout the dense body, these invisible life forms come into contact with the physical cells. On making this contact the life-forms "condense" (materialize?) and become visible under the microscope as physical entities, which attach to the cells in search of food. Once they have entered the cell they multiply rapidly, and soon burst the wall. The cell debris is thrown into the circulation, producing toxic material. This in turn produces the various diseases, according to the chemical constitution of the bacilli.

It is widely believed among students of matters occult, that (to quote Dion Fortune), 'the next advance of medical science will be the recognition of the existence of the etheric body.' There are many signs that this expectation is already being realized. To the occultist, the etheric body or double is "primarily a body of magnetic stresses, in the framework of whose meshes every cell and fibre of the physical body is held as in a rack."

Perhaps we should add, in this connection, that the substance called ectoplasm, which figures in most of the physical phenomena of the seance room, is not a manifestation of the etheric body, but is intermediate between the etheric double and the dense body (Hyle, or First Matter). This further factor will also be reckoned with, in time, by the enlightened science of the future.

Readers will note also the rationalistic basis provided, by the statements of "Mr. X", for the effectiveness of mental healing and mental therapy generally. The invading germs appear whenever they are made welcome, so to speak, by the mental or psychic condition of the patient. Micro-organisms respond to psychic energies, because they are themselves psychic entities (etheric) in origin. They can be expelled or destroyed, or held at bay by the mind for the same reason.

Contemporary medical theory has no reply to the question as to the origin of 'disease-producing' micro-organisms. Infection and contagion (basically the same) are recognized as facts, but the origin and basic nature of viruses, germs and the like, are not known.

Round Robin has no intention of becoming involved in any controversy, in this extremely difficult and technical field. But we have what seems to us a most interesting and logical contribution from the communicator "X", and the photographs from LIFE, described above, fit with it so neatly and perfectly, that the whole matter deserves whatever publicity can be obtained.



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THE THREE GREAT ANSWERS TO THE

INJUSTICE OF THE GODS

(Karma, Vicarious Atonement, and Huna)

by

Max Freedom Long, F.H.F.

Men have always seen "the good die young" and the "wicked flourish as a green bay tree." The fine and exact justice attributed to the Gods is seen to be contradicted. Efforts to find an answer have given three explanations and one negation:

The negation is Materialism. Karma is perhaps the most logical of the other three answers. It is the exact justice of an "eye for an eye", but it demands reincarnation as a means of explaining why the Divine Justice is so slow or so utterly lacking in the lives to be observed here and now.

KARMA is (1) all conclusive. The law of Karma offers no escape for any sentient being lower in the scale of intelligence than the maker of the Law, who is Ultimate God. (2) The Lords of Karma must, by logical reasoning, be placed next highest to God. They must be ruled by the Law, even if they are given the task of administering the Law, recording every act of every sentient being, and seeing that there is proper and exact karmic retribution in some incarnation or other. It is the duty of God to administer karmic justice in person, for the Lords of Karma. (3) Not until a sentient being has learned to stop sinning, and has lived out all karmic punishment, is he free from the wheel of reincarnation and eligible for reassimilation in the God-Body.

VICARIOUS ATONEMENT: (1) Lacks the theory of reincarnation, and so is faced with the problem of demonstrating exact Divine Justice in one life. (2) Because men see on all sides the evidence of a lack of exact justice, a substitute has to be offered for a continuation of life in reincarnations. This substitute is heaven and hell. (3) But, because men could not face the impossibility of becoming sinless in one life and still be saved under the various schemes for human salvation, vicarious atonement was offered. However, the death-bed repentance and resultant salvation upset the idea of exact justice completely. Purgatory was introduced to take care of this difficulty and to act as a substitute for the element of reincarnation in the scheme of Karma. Again the highest Angels under the paternal God were set the task of keeping the records of human sin and seeing that atonement was made by either a term in Hell or a term in Purgatory to pay for such sins as were not forgiven by vicarious atonement of the Saviour.

HUNA: (The secret psycho-religious science of the Polynesians): (1) Divides man into two parts; the animal man with its less-evolved spirit or soul (ruling over the body), and the more evolved spirit or soul which resides with the other spirit in the body (but which has little to do with the body, being as a guest in the bodily house). These compare well with the modern subconscious and conscious, but are considered two separate spirits. (Note: A third or superconscious spirit is also recognized. It is the most highly evolved of the three which make up the man. It does not live in the physical body). (2) A separate level or degree of divine justice is postulated for each of the three parts of the human triad of consciousnesses.

DIVINE JUSTICE ONE is applicable to the animal self of man. As an animal, this self is subject to the laws that govern justice on the animal level. This "low"

justice is to be seen on all sides. The strong devour the weak. Fish eats fish. Animal eats animal. Man eats them all, and is in turn eaten, by germ organisms. Like it or not, the consciousness responsible for the life we see about us on every side evidently considers this form of justice correct on the physical level. If the theory of evolution of consciousness from crystal to mould spore to molusk to man is correct, all of have taken our turns at eating and being eaten in the long upward climb, millions of times over - and we are still at it.

Not only is there NO JUSTICE AT ALL on the low level, if measured in terms of our concept of exact justice, but, and this is a rude shock to most of us, the evidence indicates that there is no demand on the part of the Gods for an exact justice in the life of the animal man. Man can get "an eye for an eye" if he is strong enough. The Gods offer him no aid. The "good die young". The wicked flourish. As most of our sins are those of physical imposition on others, the need for exact justice becomes less.

DIVINE JUSTICE TWO applies to the second spirit of man. This spirit can reason, and therefore can know the difference between good and bad (as it conceives it on its level of consciousness). Because it can know good from bad, and can thus evolve the basic ideal of exact justice, it can respond to it. However, there is no proof that this exact, or MIDDLE JUSTICE is as we conceive it to be. There is nothing at all to indicate that there are recording Angels or mechanisms of Karma to administer the middle justice. On the other hand, it is quite possible that the efforts forced upon the conscious self in learning to protect itself and the animal man with whom it resides, may act as a spur to growth and evolution, just as we see that such a spur keeps the lower forms of life evolving to meet new conditions.

Man as a conscious self or separate spirit, however, is given by HUNA a form of what may be called exact justice. This is built around a concept which matches well the modern idea of the complex or fixation of ideas. For example, a man injures his fellow maliciously. Knowing good from bad, he feels guilty. The subconscious self is impressed with this feeling that a bad thing has been done. It expects to be punished, BECAUSE? ON THE ANIMAL LEVEL, ALL ACTS OF AGGRESSION ARE ALWAYS MET WITH ACTS OF DEFENCE OR PUNISHMENT, THEREFORE IT PUNISHES ITSELF by causing sickness or accident or other abnormal conditions. This punishment is shared by the conscious self, of course.

Exact justice is not delayed too long, in the case of a complex or guilt fixation, according to Huna. But no future incarnation is required for the justice to work out. In Polynesia the person who had injured another and had been filled with a sense of guilt which became complexed and caused illness to follow, went to a Kahuna. The Kahuna sent the person to make amends and get forgiveness for the injury done. Only in making amends could the conscious self be convinced that it was no longer guilty. On the other hand the one injured might be willing to forgive without amends being made other than apologies. In any event, the guilt complex was removed by this execution of exact justice (with the possible element of forgiveness, gratis). With the complex drained off, the illness ceased.

In the knowledge of the complex, the Kahunas had something that made unnecessary the recourse to Lords of Karma and Angelic Recorders who wrote largely in the akashic records. In other words, the man, through the agency of his two lower selves, administered such exact justice as might be found.

Looked at in this Huna way, the need for VICARIOUS ATONEMENT is no longer felt. The sinner atones to the one he sins against. One peculiarity of Huna is its apparent insistence that man is allowed FREE WILL as a conscious spirit. He may do good or bad, and he learns in the doing. The superconscious spirit and still higher (postulated Gods CANNOT TAKE A HAND IN THE AFFAIRS OF A MAN UNLESS HE INVITES THEM TO DO SO. (Long range control of events such as birth and death are the exception).

DIVINE JUSTICE THREE has to do with the Huna concept of the superconscious self of the man and its part in his life. This more evolved self, when invited by "prayer" to take a control part in the triune life, may do so. Huna does not assign to the superconscious the duty of administering any form of justice. However, it cannot heal the lesser man, or adjust his social or economic tangles IF THERE IS A GUILT FIXATION IN THE SUBCONSCIOUS. This is because the superconscious does nearly all its helping through manipulation of the subconscious (causing it to bring about many healed states. (Changing the foreseen future is an exception).

This justice of the third or superconscious level, if it differs at all from the justice of the second or conscious self level, may differ by including more love or forgiveness. As we of the conscious level cannot understand how the superconscious thinks, we have no way of knowing. And by the same token, we have no possible way of understanding the mentation of entities of levels of consciousness still higher than the superconscious. It would appear to be a fact that the only level upon which our idea of justice is correct and operative is that of the conscious self.

IF THE HUNA CONCEPTS ARE MORE NEARLY CORRECT, we have eliminated from the problem the ideas of Karma and Reincarnation (the latter reduced to a very few incarnations natural to evolution from one level of consciousness to the next), also the idea of record-keeping Angelic Beings. The need for vicarious atonement fades, and all doctrines of original sin become lost in the discard.

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THE SECRET SCIENCE

Max Freedom Long, writer of the foregoing article, is also the author of a new book, just issuing from the presses: SECRET SCIENCE BEHIND MIRACLES. This book is, in effect, a study of the whole field of Illuminism, especially of psychism and spiritism, from the HUNA standpoint. For HUNA and the SECRET are one and the same thing, and this is the meaning of the word. It originated, or at least was known, very long ago in regions which are now the Sahara Desert, and in the course of ages passed into the knowledge of the Polynesians. A few white men became aware of the Huna and tried to study it - among them, conspicuously, Dr. William Tufts Brigham, Curator of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu; yet in four decades of research he failed to fathom the mystery of the indubitable miracles of the Kahunas, the priests of the "Secret." Max Freedom Long studied with him, and after long effort came upon the clue which makes the present revelations possible.

This book is an Event! Seldom indeed do we find such a combination - of subject-matter which is of vital importance, and a story element of adventurous interest, with literary skill, and with thorough knowledge - for Mr. Long probably knows more about this very unusual subject than any other living person. To make the nature of the material clearer, I quote in abbreviated form some of the chapter headings:

The Discovery... Fire-Walking and Magic - The Force Used in Magic...- The Two Souls of Man ...- The Kahuna System and the Three Souls ...The Third Element in Magic ...- Psychometry, Crystal Gazing ...- Mind Reading, Clairvoyance (etc) as Explained by Huna ...- Instant Healing ...- Raising the Dead...- Lomilomi (healing)...- Nature of the Complex and Healing ...- The Secret Kahuna Method...- How the Kahunas Fought the Things of Darkness...- The Secret...of Instant Healing ...- Rebuilding the Unwanted Future ...- The High Self and Healing ...- Control of Wind, Weather and Sharks by Magic ...- Practical Use of the Magic of Miracles ...

Round Robin will refer to this book again and at greater length. Meanwhile, we say that it is, quite literally, a "must" book for a wide variety of readers - for occultists, spiritists, Illuminists generally, for ethnologists, students of religion, folklore and customs - and most importantly, for Healers of every cult and School and method. For HUNA, be it remembered, is practical and practicable Magic - of the kind that actually works. (Kosmon Press, 2208 W. 11th. Los Angeles,

\$ 4.00

RADI-ESTHESIA: THE SCIENCE OF THE PENDULUM

by

Gina Cerminara, Ph.D.

There has been in recent years in American occult circles a scattered and tentative interest in the use of the pendulum for the discovery of truth. We hear, for example, of a naturopathic doctor in North Carolina who uses the pendulum almost exclusively for the diagnosis of disease. A Florida fruit grower employs it to determine the sex of fruit trees; a medical astrologer supplements her horoscopes with pendulum health analyses.

There exists, however, no American literature on the theory and practise of the pendulum. To the writer's knowledge at least, there is no book written in English exclusively on the subject.; only a few magazine articles have been printed that treat of it, and these in occult periodicals of very limited circulation.

It is of interest, then, to discover that in Europe there is a vast literature on pendulum divining, which is known on the continent as radi-esthesia. In 1913 there was held in Europe the first international congress of radi-esthesists. Literally hundreds of books have been written since then on the subject; entire magazines are devoted to a critical examination of it; societies for its study exist in France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Belgium, and Switzerland. A Swiss medical doctor, Dr. Nebel of Lausanne - well-known in Europe - goes so far as to state that "radi-esthesia is the only true method of diagnosis". Hundreds of French medical men who are members of the French Association of Radi-Esthesist doctors would seem to share his views to some extent at least.

It should perhaps be explained to those who have never had first-hand contact with the pendulum that its modus operandi is simplicity itself. One merely holds at the end of a string a small weight, called the pendulum, which is usually either a small ball or a pear-shaped object. The subject of which the pendulum is made is of no importance* It can be of wood, ivory, glass, metal, or plastic. The string is held at its free end, the pendulum being suspended two or three inches above the object to be examined. Without any voluntary movement on the part of the experimenter, the pendulum soon begins to swing, either in a lengthwise or circular motion. These movements are said by specialists to have definite significance, and the proper interpretation of them constitutes a large part of their science.

The method seems almost too absurdly simple to have any scientific validity. Yet if we examine the theory on which on which European radi-esthesists rest their case, it seems less like quackery than we might at first suspect.

Literally, the word radi-esthesia means sensitivity to radiations. The basic hypothesis is that every object in the universe is constantly emanating radiations characteristic of itself, and that these radiations can be picked up by any sensitive instrumentality. It is conceivable, then, that the human organism is capable of receiving these radiations. The pendulum merely acts as a focus of attention, perhaps, whereby the obscure inner perception is objectified. The radi-esthetic faculty would seem to be, then, of the same general nature as clairvoyant or clairaudient sensitivity, though different from both of these because more of a total organismic response.

Perhaps we have the most instructive parallel in the well-known phenomenon of water divining or "dowsing". Certain specially gifted individuals can discover the location of underground water merely by walking over the terrain with a forked twig. When the twig begins to twitch, the diviner knows that he is standing above a spring of water. Apparently the dowser is unconsciously and instinctively using

the basic principle of radi-esthesia. A radi-esthesist who wishes to discover the presence of oil, for example, proceeds as follows: he carries a small bottle of oil in one hand, and the pendulum in the other. When the radiations from the oil underground meet similar radiations from the oil in his hand, they enter into consonance or sympathetic vibration, and the pendulum reacts by moving.

The same principle can be applied, radi-esthetists claim, to the discovery of the hidden causes of disease. The radi-esthetist holds in one hand some biological specimen - such as a saliva specimen on a blotter - of the sick person. In the other hand he holds the pendulum, which he suspends over a succession of bottles containing samples of toxic substances. When the pendulum begins to swing, the radi-esthetist believes he has found the true source of the diseased condition. The method permits, it is claimed, of many subtleties of interpretation and many refinements of technique..

If the French literature on the subject is to be relied on, the method is very effective. It is claimed, for example, that the presence of cancer can be detected by radi-esthesia months and even years before it can be detected by the usual diagnostic methods. Discovering it thus in the bud naturally permits of prompt treatment and cure.

The applications of radi-esthesia in Europe have been very numerous, not only in the medical field but in other branches of science as well. It has been used in agriculture, mining, prospecting, psychology, and astrology. It is said that in 1940 a certain M. Chouteau of France located 3,500 soldiers for their families. The findings were verified by the International Red Cross, and error was found in only 42 instances. It is claimed also that radi-esthetists have been 85% successful in locating oil deposits. These are only a few of the many uses to which radi-esthesia has been put and is being put every day in Europe.

Some months ago Mr. E. Dudley Haskell of Paris came to this country with the purpose of making radi-esthesia better known here. Mr. Haskell is a successful American-born business man who lives in France. Radi-esthesia has been his hobby for many years. He is acquainted with all the literature on the subject, and with its principal practitioners in Europe. He has recently founded a non-profit association called the American Society of Radi-Esthesia, with headquarters at 208 West 23rd St., New York City, the purpose of which is to disseminate knowledge upon the subject, and to provide persons interested in developing their radi-esthetic faculty with necessary instructions and guidance. Mr. Haskell says that 85% of all persons have some degree of sensitivity to radiations and can become successful radi-esthetists.

Medical diagnoses with the pendulum should, of course, be practised only by persons having a professional medical background. However, anyone can use the pendulum for a variety of practical purposes. He can discover, for example, which foods and beverages are suited to him, and which colors, gems, metals and other materials are helpful or harmful. He can discover whether missing persons are dead or alive, and whether an unborn child is male or female. Such at least are the assurances given us by the specialists. These are claims which can and should be subjected to rigid laboratory examination, since they are revolutionary in implication, with regard to the constitution of man and of the universe.

Duke University has painstakingly scrutinized the telepathic and clairvoyant faculty. We are wondering if Dr. Rhine has had the European literature of radi-esthesia brought to his attention. But though scientific studies may not be forthcoming for some time, students of the occult can experiment for themselves and subject the hypothesis to their own critical analysis. Radi-esthesia may prove to be an important link between the traditional teachings of occultism and the science made possible by atomic discoveries.

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(In a note to RR Editor, Dr. Cerminara explains that lack of time has prevented her from making a more critical study of this subject, for our readers; her article is informative and introductory only. We hope for another article from this well-known writer. ML)

- A NOTE FOR NATALLI - *

(From A Journey to the Earth's Interior, by Marshall B. Gardner,
1920. Selected by

Millen Cocke.)

"Professor Mohr of Bonn has written a very important paper on thermometric investigations of a 4000 ft. boring at Sperenberg; he finds that while there is an increase of temperature as we go down, the rate of that increase gets less and less all the time, so that soon it will be nil: that is to say, there will no longer be any increase, and the point at which the heat would cease to increase would be about 13,550 ft."

(This is most interesting in connection with Natalli's statement that 'Most of the caverns lie at 10 to 20 thousand feet below the surface.' In that case the deeper ones would be quite comfortably warmed, but far from unbearably hot, even for surface-acclimated visitors).

(Gardner also hints that the lost continent of Lemuria, fabled to be 'sunk' beneath the waters of the Pacific, might well be a continent inside, possibly in just about that location. That instead of being a surface continent that sank, it has always been right where it is now, under the Pacific but facing inward. If communication with it (through decline and failure of its culture or for any other reason) was cut off, it would be just as much 'lost' as if it had literally sunk.

(Also, after making the point that 'Man in the Antarctic is an unknown species', Gardner reports: (Nautical Magazine for 1893)

" 'The Gladys, Captain E.B. Hatfield, ... was completely embayed by icebergs (43 deg. S., 33 W.) and did not get clear of fog and ice until July 4th, in 40 deg. S. 30 W. At 4:00 p.m. of the latter date, signs of human beings having lived for some time on one of the icebergs in sight were well in evidence. On the northwest side was a beaten track, a place of refuge formed in a sheltered nook on the summit, and apparently five dead men lay on different parts of the berg. There were no indications of life, but the wicked weather precluded any attempt at further search and the Gladys was kept on her course.' "

He then quotes a "Dr. Cook, surgeon to the Belgian Antarctic expedition, writing in the Scientific American supplement for June 23, 1900. 'Indeed, in the great sweep of the earth's surface which surrounds the south Pole and extends far northward into the temperate zone, comprising one-quarter of the entire terrestrial area, there has not been found the foot-print of man.' "

He continues: "And let the reader remember also that these were no ship-wrecked sailors, for the iceberg was coming from the south at the time; subsequent inquiry did not reveal the loss of any ship in the Antarctic prior to this discovery; and if these had been civilized men cast astray they would have put up a flag or some similar signal.

"Other ships in this vicinity sighted icebergs with sand and earth on them"... etc. He concludes with the words of Mr. C.E. Borchgrevnik, a 'speaker before the sixth International Geographical Congress held in London'. "This earthy matter (the speaker said) rocks and stones, together with signs of human life, all found

* "Natalli" is one of the communicators at the Mark P. seances, and describes himself as a 16th century astronomer who still pursues his favorite studies.

upon one of these visitants from that unknown region; this is surely a strong presumption in favor of the existence of races that answer to the Eskimos of the north."

One the origin of the Eskimos: "That they originally came from a land of constant sunshine, from a country away past the northern ice-barrier, is the tradition of the Eskimos themselves, and it is a tradition which must be given full weight, for it could not have arisen among them in the first place without good cause. On this point Dr. Senn (Dr. Nicholas Senn, Professor of Surgery at the University of Chicago) says:

" ' When questioned' - as to the land of their origin - "they invariably point north without having the faintest perception of what this means."

"Dr. Senn, discussing their religion, says: 'They believe in a future world .. the soul descends beneath the earth into various abodes - the first of which is somewhat in the nature of a purgatory: but the good spirits passing through it find that the other mansions improve, till at a great depth they reach that of perfect bliss, where the sun never sets, and where by the side of large lakes that never freeze, the deer roam in large herds, and the seal and walrus always abound in the waters.' "

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And a note on the
illusions of the
astral - also by
Millen Cooke.....

'In the first place, the region in which we are ordinarily conscious ought to be as "justly famous for its illusions" as any other region. The fact that it is not (with a few exceptions) is a monument to human ability to mistake fragmentary information for Truth Entire.

Secondly: If the region from which mediumistic reports come appears to be more slippery with illusions than our own, could the fault lie with our own inadequate or under-developed sensory equipment? In other words, don't we suffer from the illusions, and doesn't the phraseology seek to dodge (unconsciously) the unflattering fact that we ourselves are unable to see our way around. Actually, regions do not have illusions for which to become famous. This would be a quibble, except for the possibility that not all persons possess identical sensory equipment. It would seem to follow, that just as in this world people suffer from varying degrees of illusion, the same ought to be true of any region where sensory equipment of any kind is a means of gaining information about the environment. Some beings are bound to be more mixed up in their conclusions than other beings - human or otherwise - and others whose perceptions and judgments will be clearer and more factual.

In the third place: It is not at all clear from the available evidence, that "all mediumistic reports" come from the same region. Indeed, much evidence could be collected to the contrary, even within the limits of the orthodox terminology and the definitions of Theosophy and its off-shoots.

Mediums are known to employ a wide variety of methods, ranging from those involving inorganic physical devices, to wide-awake, broad daylight telepathic reception in full consciousness. To lump them all together under the inference that they all get the same effect, that is, contact the "same region", is to deny the very terminology that permits the use of such terms as Deva, nature spirit, and astral.

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Editor's Note:

Frater FGH, in using the expressions cited in quotation marks above, probably spoke in general terms, without pausing for precise qualification. But it is my opinion that wholesale suspicion and condemnation of "astral" communications, on that ground alone, is completely non-critical, and prejudicial to knowledge and research, and is largely a hang-over of early Theosophical attacks united with orthodox religionism. Thus, tho' without reflection on the learning of Fr. FGH, we welcome and support the commonsensible reflections of M.C., above).

(The erratum in syntax, in the sentence "Some beings..." is an editorial error).

A Communication of Interest

from

Professor Harry LaVerne Twining**

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(This was received clairaudiently by the medium Mark Probert. It is not known certainly that Professor Twining was the communicator, but the tone, manner, and subject-matter are strongly characteristic of him and he did not reject that identity. The medium was in full consciousness and keyed to a high pitch of listening attention, and the notes were taken by the RR Editor).

"There are no terms to describe the forces (you have been discussing) except those of the quantum theory.

"If all force acted in a continual and constant stream, all nature would flow in the same direction, so to speak. And all life would cease. There would be no separation or variety. Nothing in nature can become completely polarized.

"The quantum theory denies the objectivity of the physical world and all things in it. It affirms the principle of eternal flux and denies a static objectivity.

(Question by M.L. The other day, if I understood you correctly, you hinted that what is called the dilemma of solipsism could be resolved by the analogy of the energy exchange and transmutation of neutrons and protons. Each particle, you seemed to argue, retained identity and continued existence, but this very identity consisted in incessant and instantaneous flux. By this analogy, although the physical presence of Mark, here, reduces to terms of my own consciousness, and my own presence to terms of his consciousness, still the identity of each of us is preserved. Is this substantially correct?)

"Yes, that is the theory we now hold. Life is interspersed with moment-to-moment changes, and only God himself knows where facts are absolute with no further ultimate.

(M.L. repeated a few verses printed in Flying Roll Delta II*)

"Is it not too bad that such a poem cannot be printed in every school book! Then the child would grow up to understand that his dreams and desires are no better and no worse, no higher and no lower than his neighbor's.

"For years I tore my hair about such problems - until in the end I had very little hair left to tear.

"No, I do not feel any more optimistic about man's condition and prospects now than I did during the later years of my earth life - when I found nothing was to be gained by offering truth to the herd - a casting of pearls --

"Also, in the quantum theory you will find the proof of spontaneous generation.

(Q) Yes, it is constantly in progress - not a matter of a past event. Once a law is set into action on any of the planes, it becomes a constant. Because man does not know this, when he breaks any of these laws his suffering begins. But the beauty and justice of nature make it so that he does not pay one bit more or less than the amount to which the law was broken.

(Q) "The life produced by spontaneous generation is nearly always of a microscopic or sub-microscopic order. (Q) Yes, multicellular organisms can arise by spontaneous generation, but they do not last long.

(Asked why, the communicator said something to the effect that "the entity/ (could not acquire sufficient life force to impress the seed" - but the medium was unable to catch the statement clearly)

(Question about reported experiments in which the form of microscopic crystals is said to have been altered by mental energy of the observer)

"Yes, this effect takes place. Take note that concentrated thought is one of man's greatest powers. (Q). Yes, but thought does affect objective matter. Back of all the fairy stories and superstitions lie the mystic teachings of man - of his True Self, from which he has become lost.

"But the words mystic and mysticism should be stricker from all occult work. These words have become like dirty window panes through which man is unable to see his true self. **

(Q. Do you think lightly, then, of the teachings and experiences of the great mystics?)

"No, I am not taking them lightly. But if life truths are to be presented to the people, it must be done with all sense of mysticism stripped away, and put in a plain and almost elementary manner. Especially is this true with regard to the American people. (Q). Yes, I know that all nations are much the same in that way; but you have become wrapped up in money making and falsifying, and have been taught that almost anything that does not work upon the so-called physical senses, is either trickery for fun or else plain fraud..

(Q). "I share your feeling of futility. The masses will advance only through individuals, and to the extent that these latter advance.

(Q) "I think this present form of communication is better. It depends on a form of dissociation.

"Between the act of doing something and the thought there is a little interval of time that is empty, and it is in that field that we can best work. It lies between any doing and any thinking...***

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NOTES:

** The several expressions marked (**) are obviously not well-considered and might be subject to a book-full of comment. But they are characteristic of the the talented mathematician or physicist who lacks philosophic and occult background.

*** This is of great interest. "Concentration, or Yoga", says Patanjali, "is the hindering of the modifications of the thinking principle". This is usually interpreted to mean one-pointedness (WQJ et cet.). But all mental activity consists of such modifications. Even in the higher reaches of contemplation, the thinking principle is 'modified' into the form of the object contemplated. To 'blank out' the modification is to blank out the 'principle' as well. Yet, says the communicator, between action and thought (almost certainly between thoughts also) there are lacunae, or 'spaces' of at least comparative inaction, momentary gaps of blankness - and it is into these that words, thoughts, feelings from the other planes can penetrate. Thus in ordinary life the would-be communicator must continually watch his chance, catch the earth-consciousness at the exact instant. There is every evidence from experience, that this is exactly what takes place. The communicator makes this explicit. Furthermore, he is connecting it with a kind of quantum theory of consciousness. Mental action is also 'atomic' or 'particulate'. The stream of consciousness as understood by the older psychologists is an illusion. Identity does not depend on or derive from continuity. Mind is an energy, and all energy is particulate. Into the 'inter-atomic spaces' of this energy flow, the 'mind-atoms' of the thought of the communicating entity find entrance. Their nature enables them to incorporate with the consciousness 'stream' of the recipient. The whole question of the role of passivity in meditation and contemplation, as also in mediumistic 'development' work, should be reconsidered in terms of this 'mental-quantum' concept. Note that this points to one more arch in the bridge-building between contemporary nuclear physics and occult teachings - and integrates with recent ideas worked out by Roger Graham. Whether or not we agree with the communicator or with each other is of little comparative importance; the point is, that these communications open up immense vistas upon the probable science-philosophy of the future.

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- VARIORUM -

PAGE PROFESSOR
SHAPLEY - -

San Diego Tribune: 1-16-48. 'The Coast Guard sent a plane out this morning in search of a mysterious object seen by an aircraft worker as he waited for a bus ... The witness described the object as throwing off a reddish-blueish light while it cruised at about 10,000 ft. in a northerly direction, apparently over Camp Miramar.'

Cincinnati Post, Jan. 9, '48. UP. 'Mysterious objects seen floating in the sky over Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio... Over the Clinton county air base (Ohio) -- a flaming red ball of fire, seen for 35 minutes... At Youngstown, O., a Lt.-Col. reported orange-yellow lights which appeared to converge from the north ... A bright bulb-shaped object also was reported seen at Clarkville, Nashville, and Columbia, Tenn., and at points in southern Kentucky... The Wilmington fire ball was seen by a sergeant and a corporal in the patrol tower at the air base. They watched it for 35 minutes ... described it as a flaming red cone trailing a green mist. It was also seen by Wilmington residents the night of the 7th. (Clip from B.F.Greenlee)

San F'co Chronicle: Jan. 8. AP. Astronomers at Nashville (Vanderbilt Univ.) reported an object .. which they believed to be a balloon, but the Nashville Weather Bureau said it knew of no balloons in that vicinity ... A flaming red cone trailing a green mist .. over Wilmington...was a mystery for the thousands of people who saw it... An Army statement asserted "The sky phenomenon hung suspended in the air at intervals, and then gained and lost altitude at what appeared to be terrific bursts of speed. (Clip from Violet O. Johnson).

Fort Knox, Ky. AP. Jan.7. "The object spotted by Col. Hix, Commander of Godman Field, was chased by National Guard planes and followed from the ground by State Highway Patrol officers". The "saucer" was very white and looked like an umbrella. "The pilots were 20,000 ft. high and the object was still above them. They estimated its speed at about 180 miles per hr. ... Highway patrol cars reported that the disc resembled an ice cream cone with a little fire at the bottom. (Clip from John Hand)

Concerning the death of Capt. Thos. F. Mantell, the National Guard Hdqrs. in Kentucky said that he apparently flew too high without oxygen, in pursuing the disc, lost consciousness and crashed. But several other accounts state that Mantell's P-51 exploded in mid-air -- which is a very different matter. According to the Cinn. Times-Star, the N.G. Hdqrs. in Ky. emphasized that there was no connection between the plane's explosion and its mission (pursuit of the 'saucer') - and then adds that Mantell had been in radio communication with Godman Field a few moments prior to the accident but there was no indication of trouble. -- The Nat'l Guard, according to other dispatches (S.D.Journal) denied that there was any radio communication with Mantell's plane. The two returning pilots gave their own altitude as 15,000 ft., with the object still high above them.

AP dispatch of Dec. 30. Terrific blue flash west of Boise - seen as far as Seattle. Pilot of a military aircraft reported to the Seattle office that the light seemed to come from the ground, and that the flash lasted "about six seconds" - which makes it hardly a 'flash' at all, but a short, steady illumination. A meteor lighting a huge area for six seconds would almost certainly be observed as such, or some kind of originating center would be noted. (Clip from E.O. Wakefield)

Notes from the Nashville Banner: Re the Mantell plane crash. Glenn Mayes, who witnessed the crash, said the plane went into a dive at about 20,000 ft. and began disintegrating when about half-way to the earth... Two aviators who "investigated the object by plane" said it was a free weather balloon. Most observers with telescopes seem to agree on the balloon explanation, but insist it was different from any balloon heretofore seen... No balloons are reported missing from weather bureaus.. first reports of ropes or/and instruments dangling from the object were not confirmed by other observers. (Clips from Bobbitt Agency, Nashville).

The Illuminati,
or
Shapleyism in
Action

Comes now distinguished Professor-Doctor Shapley, fearless and omniscient as usual, explaining all things to the gape-mouthed public. Spots before the eyes, cries the good doctor. Spots and more spots! Auto-suggestion! Hetero-suggestion! Mass hysteria! Illusion! Delusion! Confusion! Millions of radios blared forth the glad news that the mystery of the airways was Shapleyized at last - and who would dare suggest that the king-pin of astronomers might, on this particular subject, be jackass-ignorant. ... Comes the wily Wylie (Dr. C.C., that is, University of Iowa expert on meteors), says flying discs are sunlight reflections from windows of planes, and after that, tricks of pranksters - and, of course, illusions. But we need a sky patrol under scientific direction, to prevent public hysteria and 'explain future flying saucers' - and to 'hold the respect of the public' for the sacred cows of Science - says W. Wylie in effect. ... Comes also, in most sensible vein, engineering director Straiton, (Univ. of Texas), talking about radar angels.

"Angels"

Point the radars straight up and echoes come back - from Something! They register up to 10 seconds sometimes, occur in random patterns, are most numerous in the first half-mile above ground, but sometimes are two miles up. Birds? Nope! Insects? Nope! Autosuggestion, mass hysteria of scientists? Nope-Nope! Maybe dust, smoke, atmospheric turbulence. RR guess is, something material, invisible, causing atmospheric turbulence. Bell Laboratories have been after these angels for a long time now, haven't caught one yet - so we can guess too, can't we? Comes

Ruskies

Rep. Ellsworth of Oregon, with "reliable information" from behind the iron curtain: Russians have a rocket of amazing speed and "almost limitless range" propelled by a series of explosions; the farther it goes the faster it travels. The charges are separated by metal discs, and when a charge is fired the disc pops off. They're made of thin metal and possibly disintegrate in the air - so, thinks Rep. Ellsworth, the flying saucer "epidemic" may have stemmed from this source. (Credit Gibson, Robertson, Calkins, Gordon for clips). In these and a hundred similar quotations the passion for simplification rises to its noblest heights. One witness, and it's illusion-delusion; 1000 witnesses and it's mass-hysteria. Also the scientific backbone assumes its noblest reverse curvature, from leaning over backward to avoid admitting that anybody who does not have a degree in science can possibly tell a hawk from a handsaw - we mean a Buzzard from a P-51 even with his nose against it. And it's a noble company. If Shapley has made an impossible fool of himself, Haldane and Joad are close runners-up. The soi-disant, smarty-pants psychologists have had a field day - lacking the brains or the courage or both to evaluate a fourth part of the evidence... There never has been any doubt in the minds of intelligent and informed people, about the actuality or factuality of the saucers (Lokas, we call them), from the very first reports - but that doesn't include the Flower of our Culture, unfortunately. Sometimes we think, that nothing so utterly corrupts the power of evaluating evidence as the so-called scientific training and temperament. This isn't a matter of the Lokas only; the whole history of the relation of science to paranormal happenings bears it out. The distressing error many of us make, is in thinking that by piling up a thousand pounds of printed stuff, good sound factual evidence, we can actually convince the Shapleyite Flowers of Culture (say) that Lokas fly and ghosts walk. But it can't be done, O friends of enlightenment! Nothing can be done - and the real reason is that we contend, not against professors S, H, and J and their satellite kin, but against the Time-Spirit which hibernates within them... Of course, there are scientists who are "occultists" also, in the secret heart and marrow of them, and who know very well what forces are now playing upon our world, what strange incredible events are now fast unfolding; and the mere fact that they do not and cannot make such knowledge public is sufficient evidence of the vast child-mindedness of our contemporary world.

HUH? and
UH-HUH!

Everybody has heard about it but we'll make a note anyhow. A Mrs. B.Z. of Chehalis, Washington says she saw "a man with wings attached to his back fly over her barn at an altitude of 200 ft." He made a "sizzling and whizzing noise" but his wings neither flapped nor rotated and she could not see any propeller. Several school children were with her, said Mrs Z. Authorities, notified promptly, responded with "Huh?", as did also, in effect, the officials at McChord Field, Tacoma - thus reaching a new high in contemporary comment on flying oddities in general. (At that, "Huh?" is more intelligent than "spots before your eyes").

General Spaatz
tells all

General Carl A. Spaatz, Chief of the Airforce revealed (Dec.18) that military authorities are still investigating the flying discs, reported by residents of 44 States and five nations. Question by interviewer to the General: "Are you convinced such objects were flying above the United States? Gen. Spaatz: NO.

Question: Is it possible the discs are foreign experimentation? General Spaatz: Nothing concrete has been established to answer this in the affirmative but in the absence of logical explanation it would be unfair to discard the possibility. (The General means 'Maybe').

Question: Has the U.S.Airforce any decision as to the source of the discs? Gen. Spaatz: NO.

Question: What form has your investigation taken. Gen. Spaatz: ...Interviews.. (polysyllables omitted).

Question: Do you believe the objects were developed by German engineers in Spain? Gen. Spaatz: ...highly improbable.

Question: Do you want people who see them to report them to the army? Gen.:Yes.

Question: Have you investigated any disc reports in the last two months. -- YES.

(Grand Rapids Press, Dec. 18. Clip from E.P. Gibson)

(This would be the place to say something about Spaatz before the eyes, if the Editor were smart enough).

"Just a
balloon"

Nashville Tennessean, Jan. 8, Writes up a something-or-other seen in the western sky directly above the sun. Dr. Seyfert, Vanderbilt University astronomer, made "a thorough examination" (!!), said it was a balloon. Weather Bureau agreed but said it wasn't one of theirs. Radio tower observer also said balloon. But other observers called it a glass disc, a gold-colored star, a comet, that it hung in the sky "all afternoon", then moved off to the south (not usual behaviour for a free balloon). R.E.Rawls, with telescope, said there was no question, it was a balloon all right, then estimated its height at 6000 ft., but Dr. Seyfert, again, said it was five miles high, or 20,000 ft. more. L.J. Wilson, also a local astronomer, was "undecided as to its true nature", said it was shaped like an electric light bulb and appeared to be transparent; also that it turned yellow at 4:50, red at 5:05; and disappeared at 5:12. (End of newspaper account). The way to get the Whole Truth about such happenings, is to read one account only, by one person, preferably a professional astronomer (account of cocksureness), take what he says as final and dismiss the question. If you go on reading what a dozen or two other people have to say, you'll get all fogged up. Or else join the laughing jackass chorus of newspaper and radio commentators - whose brays, however, are now getting somewhat frogged and hesitating... Also, there actually are seeming-intelligent people who argue, that if anything, say an object in the air, looks quite different to different observers (no matter how far apart), that's proof the thing isn't there at all - in other words, spots or Spaatz before your eyes. That kind of poppycock came our way in bales, a year ago last November, when RR Editor collected 45-50 accounts of eye-witnesses to a huge contraption cavorting over San Diego, in ight skies. It was a Condor (even if it did have tail lights), and/or an

air-liner (which came in hours earlier on schedule), and/or mass delusion, or plain-and-fancy lying, or - or - or ... Most of such stuff, of course, comes from pseudo-scientific people who learn over backward in their effort to appear Critical, Calm and Sceptical, Superior to all fools who think they can tell a flying cow barn from a misplaced eyewinker all by themselves ...

The Mantell tragedy ---

Now about that sad bad business of disc-chaser Capt. Thomas F. Mantell, already referred to: examination of a large number of newspaper reports sent in to RR seems to make it quite certain that Mantell's plane "exploded" or "disintegrated" in the air, though at what altitude is not clear. A section of the motor was a quarter-mile from the main wreckage. We don't know, of course, that Mantell got anywhere near the "disc". We don't know how close he could come to it, without getting into range of possible armament. We do say that we have been warned several times by seance communicators, that the discs were invulnerable to attack by our aircraft, and that sooner or later our airmen would discover this to their cost. And we have passed this warning along, as seemed to be our duty, though of course no one pays any attention to it. We repeat that the appearance of strange flying objects is an old story (see the next item, from Coronet) - and point out that so far at least, these craft or objects have not threatened us, or committed any act of overt hostility. Now, anybody who considers the whole mass of available data on these strange visitors, and who still thinks they are NOT directed and controlled by intelligence, by thinking beings possessed of great technical knowledge and skill (to say the least) is certainly sub-moronic - even Shapleyite, in fact. A first and obvious inference would be, that the attitude of such visitors toward ourselves might be of considerable importance - and in the next place, that since they have not been hostile up to date, it is imperative that we show every friendliness toward them - or at very least, refrain from any and every kind of attack. There are great issues in the making here, and no seer or prophet is needed to point them out, but only common sense plus certain obtainable knowledge. We are witnessing a phenomenon which has not occurred, in this mass form, during the historical period - and probably for hundreds of thousands of years before that. Information is beginning to come in from all sides, but it is obtained by psychic investigations: of course our "scientists", our "realists", our "educated classes", professional men, educators, lawyers, seditious statesmen, nine-tenths of all the medical men (meaning medicine-men), to say nothing of governmental and military authorities, are impervious to data from such sources - though they do not have a single intelligent syllable of their own to contribute. Thus the general situation is quite hopeless; enlightenment must wait on the force majeure of hard facts. The statements of the Mark P. communicators have so far been verified point by point, and our confidence in them steadily increases. They have at least the advantage of being uncolored by religious prejudices or preconceived notions of any kind, and are impersonal and realistic. If we find ourselves going wrong on interpretation of these phenomena, we shall say so at first opportunity; meanwhile we are offering our readers the only constructive comment so far available in print, and we ask for their cooperation, especially with regard to clippings and other data.

Coronet on

Sky Mysteries:

Publisher Wing Anderson, collaborative and interested, sends us a clip from February Coronet, article by Joseph A. Murphy called Mystery Stories of the Sky. The writer describes the white aircraft over Chattanooga in January 1910, lights cruising the sky over New England in 1908 (many reports), a searchlight ~~light~~ directed downward over Mass., a luminous object, with sound of motors over same area in 1909; a sky ship with powerful searchlights over Boston harbor a few months later; a luminous object moving slowly over Ireland (Dec. 1909). In 1878 a farmer in Virginia saw a white horse 'swimming' about a half mile overhead. In 1905 a ten-foot flying pig was seen by 'many Welshmen'; it had "short wings and webbed feet." In 1873 a huge serpent form was reported over Kansas and Texas. In 1881 there were reports of 'uniformed soldiers' and 'helmeted angels', from Virginia and Delaware. On April 9, 1897 a

large cigar-shaped object appeared over Chicago; it had wings and carried colored lights; later it was seen over Texas, Colorado, and the Midwest. Scientific observers also saw it, and one worthy savant asserted it was the star Alpha in Orion. Newspapers, jokers, other fools had a holiday, just as of late with the "discs", but of course without offering any rational explanation. On the evening of April 19 this craft or a similar one appeared over West Virginia, carrying red, white and green lights; it was a "huge cone-shaped arrangement 180 ft. long, with large fins on either side." So far, the Coronet article. Charles Fort, in his Book of the Damned, adds others, and so do the Fortean Society and other students of such matters. In days before the airplane, and when communication was slow and difficult, what becomes of the hypothesis of "mass hysteria", suggestion, imagination and canard?

Going back to the flying man over Chehalis - if there was one, which is probable - he is somewhat less strange than the horse, the pig, and the serpent. In our mediaeval acceptances, the animal forms were likely pranks of the Nature Spirits, but aircraft of any sort have humanlike intelligence back of them, and a flying man is likely to be a man flying. And there's a good chance this was some bold inventor from our own plane - if he proves to have substance at all. But the discs are not from our plane, and what they are up to remains to be seen. And if you find all this stuff slightly disquieting, page Professor spots-before-the-eyes Shapley, and any one of a hundred other brilliant, distinguished and moronic scientists, who are very smart in their own specialties and hopelessly dim-witted otherwise. They will calm your fears - until the next dragon flies by, at any rate.

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"Talks with Elizabethans"

Round Robin (and the M.P. Seance Reports) not long ago gave account of the 'true' authorship of the Shakespearean plays, as reported by Ramond Natalli, a '16th century astronomer' communicating through the medium Mark Probert. According to this, Shakespeare's name was properly Ludlow; he was a psychic sensitive to whom the plays were dictated by a group of collaborators on the 'other side'. He was a protege of Bacon, who protected him and edited and revised the communications. But drama critic Percy Allen, of London, has also been making psychic investigation of this problem, through the well-known automatic script writer Mrs. Hester Dowden, reports that he has made contact with Shakespeare himself, and with Francis Bacon and Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford. Shakespeare informed him that while Bacon read drafts of the plays he had no hand in their composition; the true collaboration was with Oxford. No mention is made, at least in the press reviews of Allen's book, about inspiration from the other world. He adds that the dark lady of the sonnets was the Virgin Queen Elizabeth, by whom Oxford had an illegitimate son, and that the missing play manuscripts are buried in Shakespeare's tomb. This information, priceless if true, seems to leave the 'Baconian' ciphers unaccounted for - unless by some jugglery they can now be imputed to Oxford. So, more information, rebuttal or retreat by Natalli is now eagerly awaited while all the world holds its breath. And that's the status quo! **

(Memo. and clip from Mrs H.M. Graham)

Roll out the barrel

"Dr. Henry Wilson, Anglican Bishop of Chelmsford, says he believes human beings really have been in communication with the spirit world. 'The mass of evidence is too great to be dismissed', he wrote in his Diocesan Chronicle. But he questioned the advisability of seances. 'Is this dabbling in the occult permissible and healthy?' he asks." (AP dispatch, London)

Why, Bishop Henry!! What imps have you been consorting with, to be infected with a heresy like that? But your caution about seances relieves our anxiety. If you keep your fingers crossed and the shutters down, all may yet go well with you.

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** ("Degrees of opinion and of knowledge indeed obtain everywhere among spirits as among ourselves; there be some who are great pretenders, and others who are most honest and worthy in communications.")

Psychic happenings
in Arizona - by
R.H. Luethe -

RR friend R.H.Leuthe (Placerville, Calif., Box 546) sends us an account of incidents occurring two years ago, at a spot "some forty miles north of Yuma, on the Arizona side of the Colorado." Geo-physical instruments had indicated the presence of gold some 85 ft. below the surface, and the party had hauled in mining equipment. One member of the party, however, was apparently clairvoyant; at any rate he claimed to have been twice accosted by a very large man wearing a rich white robe, red sash, and white turban with a 'four-leaf clover' design over the forehead, that "shone like electric light bulbs". This visitor talked at some length, made predictions, produced a "large vase made of a dull gray metal, also "two tablets of gold with inscriptions on them" which he declared to be of immense value. No one else in the party saw this visitor, but the clairvoyant was badly frightened and could hardly give an intelligible account of what had been told him. According to Mr. Luethe, other persons who had been digging in the same place previously, reported somewhat similar experiences with "people dressed in white."

"If you know of any one interested in investigating this place" says Mr.Leuthe in conclusion, "I will gladly write and give them all the data possible".

Comment on
Round Robin
IV-1, by
B.F.Greenlee.

"The article 'Uncertainties of the Jiva' reminds me of the writings of Rudolf Steiner ... but the answer is quite simple and can be found in Oahspe - 'Thou art as the end of a ray of light from my person, saith Jehovah.'... Re, Notes on the Mysterious North - I wrote you some time ago about places such as Borley Manor in England where the veil between our plane and the next is thin. This is metaphor only, since there is actually only a lack of coincidence of vibratory rates. See the works of Charles Fort re 'The London triangle' As to The Hollows of the Earth, I agree with brother FGH in his comment on this."

(As to Arctic phenomena, Mr. Greenlee sends addenda). "Admiral Byrd tells of rain falling at 20 deg. below zero, F., and of fog at 40 deg. below. Byrd writes: 'It is a mystery to me how water can remain liquid at such a low temperature. My meteorologists could not explain it.' In his book Alone Byrd tells of a bright light in the southern sky, larger than a star and in a place where no star should be. He further says: 'As I watched this light I received a powerful conviction that some benign Being was trying to communicate with me.

Article, How Much Do We Know?: "I sometimes doubt whether some people who write on materialization ever witnessed one. I have shaken hands with materialized spirits and found their hands warm and firm, and suddenly not there. I have been hugged by discarnate relatives.... Pelley records how during a materialization seance a stream of ectoplasm flowed along the floor, and a little dog, in spirit form, materialized head first as it entered this stream and dematerialized tail last as it left it....

Article, The Reach of the Mind: "I think you are a little too hard on the good professor (Rhine)... On page 91 is a most significant statement: 'As a matter of policy incredible observations will be withheld from publication.' As a ** matter of policy too much is withheld from publication by nearly all publishers. I wonder how much of this policy is a catering to organized religions and other forms of organized greed... I agree with you that some of the ESP results are lucky guesses.

"The article, Sword of Damocles, is the best one in the issue and the most significant part is the paragraph at the bottom of page 23. Any change for the better must come through the raising of the individual's own vibratory rate. The proper starting point is one's self. If the sword does fall it can do so only through the will of the Creator..."

**Dr.Rhine is referring to observations of anthropologists and travellers, not to his own. Dr. Rhine has an article in Jour.of Parapsychology for Dec., on "Impatience with Scientific Method in Parapsychology", but fails to touch the essence of our own complaint - which is simply that he refuses to avail himself of persons who possess in exceptional and proven degree all the powers which he is so laboriously trying to prove by "scientific methods."

Mrs Colburn
on the Lokas

As we have explained heretofore, RR seldom quotes the various mediums and psychics who send in information, simply because the Editor is not in a position to recommend (or criticise) what they have to say. As to Mrs Colburn, however (San Diego resident), we are confident that her psychic powers are genuine and exceptional. She has been getting clairvoyant glimpses, at intervals for some 15 years past, of certain unknown visitors to our planet. They come from or are connected with some kind of air craft; it is not clear that these latter are the discs or Lokas, but there are factors which make it seem probable. These persons are very tall (8 ft. or more), lean and slender of build, they wear a tight-fitting garment of olive-drab color, with much black about it, and their voices are deeply guttural. The clairvoyante can sometimes hear them talking but can make nothing of what they say. She is impressed with the feeling that they are far advanced in the sciences, and come here for scientific purposes; they want to take away some articles or substances, and also a few of the earth-plane people (supposedly as specimens for study). They are neither hostile nor particularly friendly, but wholly impersonal. The visiting craft are few in number at present, but a considerable fleet is in reserve and they intend to effect a landing.

Most of this jibes very closely with what has been said by the Mark P. controls; the only important point of difference is that this clairvoyante is convinced that the visitors come from a world of dense matter like our own, and not from an etheric region. (That an etheric world is probably as real and solid to its inhabitants as ours is to us, does not affect her opinion on this point).

It may be of interest also, to add that Mrs. Colburn has had many glimpses of strange people of quite a different type - short, squat, broad of body, ape-like in appearance, yet well advanced in scientific knowledge. They lack moral or spiritual development and are extremely cruel. The clairvoyante hears the sound of machinery while seeing them, and feels that they understand electricity, but has not seen the mechanisms or craft belonging to them. She does not sense any connection between these people and the ones first described above.

It is not necessary to be over-credulous in these matters, but it would be an even more serious mistake to ignore them or treat them contemptuously. It is the cumulative effect of alleged data which is significant - the interlocking and agreement of psychic 'revelations', with each other and also with a long series of strange happenings in the physical world about us. The unpleasant scientific-apes whom Mrs. Colburn describes come uncomfortably close to the "Dero", his kith and kin - the "investigation" of which has been the most stupid and dangerous psychic adventure of our time. The giant "Ethereans" have been reported by many psychics, by independent clairvoyance and by trance communicators. The "thinning of the veil" is accepted as a fact by nearly all students of occult matters. The phenomenon of the flying discs has not yet found a single syllable of intelligent explanation, apart from that offered at length in this publication, and more briefly by other sources. (Of course, that too is not intelligent explanation, to the ignorance of the public and the resolute stupidity of our "intellectuals"). For all that, this business must be reckoned with; these incredible phenomena "march"; the repercussions upon our whole world of life and thought may be enormous. Elements are appearing in our world for which the mind of our age is not yet conditioned - and it is now too late to hope for such conditioning, for the masses of mankind, except by hard and bitter ways. It is useless to recoil from the fantastic and incredible, if it happens to be also a veritable and verifiable fact. -- This is the attitude of these publications, and the fast unfolding finale of world-history, in which we are trying to add some mite of serviceable effort.

Tuesday at
Midnight -

"On Tuesday at midnight we encountered a large area of confused sea, and we did not get through the center of it until 12 hours later. It was a big dead sea without whitecaps" spread in a saucer-shaped area some 700 miles in circumference, centered about 300 miles east New York. "The wild movement throughout the entire area mystified me because there was no wind. Forty-foot waves beat on us from all sides."

The quotes are from Commodore Harry Manning, Master of the liner America, which arrived at New York 14 hours late from Eire; they occur in an AP dispatch from New York of Jan. 15. (Clip from Andrew Hardie). To these data Spiritualist Leader of Jan. 18 makes important addition. "It was raining pitchforks within the agitated area" ... NOT in a volcanic area, and seismographs noted NO EARTHQUAKE ACTION." This last fact takes care of the obvious conjecture, of seismism. Since the disturbed area must have been some 250 miles in diameter, and extended nearly to Nantucket, seismographs on the Atlantic coast would certainly have registered any earth displacement of the necessary magnitude.

It was
der Irish -

AP Newsfeatures dispatch from Rosslare Harbour, Wexford, Eire. Joseph Henry Bennett, a county Longford farmer, with "something of an international reputation as a water diviner," does his water divining without leaving the house, by use of maps only, has letters of thanks from a dozen foreign countries. He has now branched out into divining Uranium, has found 'miles of it' in an unnamed British possession, and is negotiating terms with the British government. ... New outbreak of poltergeist activity at Rye, England, in The Standard Inn - overturning of tables and scattering of bedding and clothing; "experts" from the SPR are standing by, to see what they can see. (Clips from Mrs Helen Lotreck).

This dowsing performance of farmer Bennett is obviously of one piece with pendule diagnosis by charts and similar radiesthetic achievements. The M.P. seance communicators have long insisted that no wand or any other instrument was necessary - that it functioned only as a center of control for consciousness and because of the operator's belief in it. The diviner (says "Lingford" in effect) sends out his consciousness much like a radar beam, the object sought intercepts the beam, and the effect of the 'bounce-back' gets through into consciousness. If this is true, space is not an obstacle, and the diviner who realizes that fact can function anywhere in the world, tho' he probably would need maps or charts as a clue or guide. It is alleged, of course, that this is the easy and natural way of functioning for persons on the astral levels, incarnate, or projected; since we are just as much spirits as we ever will be, tho' somewhat hampered by our dense bodies, it is logical to suppose we have many powers in common with the 'other-side people'... The recovery of lost treasure should be no more difficult, and no more questionable in moral character, than the divining of oil and uranium deposits. The possibilities of this new "science" are almost unlimited, and not a tenth part realized by the public. And it is probably more common, more available to the average person, than any other form of extended sensory perception (ESP). It is a kind of workable clairvoyance or clairsentience, not dependant on contact with spirits - or, everyman his own ghostie!... In astral travelling, the whole consciousness is (usually) "transferred" - i.e., you begin to think about and to see the Sphinx instead of Grand Central station; on the other hand you can put out a kind of tentacle, AKA cord (of Huna), a "ray" projected by your will, and the power of seeing and hearing can be transferred (so to speak) to the far end of this projection. Anyhow, space has, for us, only the reality of a thought-form ("the essence of space is conductivity" says "Betty")... The phenomena of radiesthesia are rooted in this same concept, and the practical results seem to prove the correctness of the idea... The divinatory pendule, once silliest of tea-party bobberies, has become pregnant with the mightiest issues of philosophy!!

SO YOU WANT TO BE A SUPERMAN!by Fr. FGH

All the pseudo-occult groups and organizations promise you POWERS. Promise to teach you how to become Superman in 25 easy lessons. But have you ever thought this thing through - what it would mean to be a superman? I doubt it very much.

Let's start with childhood, because once you acquire the qualities which make you super-human, you are not going to lose them again. The next time you are born, you start out as super-man. And you will in all probability be born to normal parents. To them, you are an insolvable riddle, queer and frightening. Hence, the ordinary comradeship between parents and children is not for you. You have to grow up alone and lonely, and whatever is taught you will later prove to be wrong and unusable. Of course, other children find you queer and 'crazy' too - and impress that fact upon you by word and deed. Children are animals, and animals run in herds, and the herd abhors anything that is strange. Again, you are IT! Again you are outcast.

So you get into the 'teens, try to make friends with the opposite sex. Again you are 'abnormal' and give them the jitters. You begin to work, but there again you are an outcast as long as you have to work with others. What interests them does not interest you, and vice-versa. Since you can see much farther ahead and have a superman's brain, you become an object of jealousy and fear - because the little position which has been acquired with endless scheming and sly stabs in the backs of rivals, is the most precious possession of Mr. Average Man. And compared with you he sticks out as the dunce he really is. Again the pack gangs up on you with all the means at their disposal. One day you are a communist, the next a Nazi, and so on.

Then you get married, in all probability to an average girl. You love her with a depth beyond her grasp and understanding. Again you soon become an object of secret and utter fear. She begins to fight you tooth and nail, and if the marriage lasts any length of time, it is complete misery. It may improve for a few days, and then the claws again! And every little mistake you make is treasured and taken out for your inspection.

It's only when you get into middle age that you begin to find your feet, and realize what you are, and something about the world you live in. By then you have re-acquired your knowledge about people and are able to select your friends carefully. You may even find a woman who is also a 'super', but probably she has gone through the same thing and has been irreparably harmed by her experiences with standard people and the usual kind of marriage.

As to general aspects of life, figure out what it would mean if you had to live with three and five-year-old children all your life, and pretend that your mental and moral processes were equal to theirs - as otherwise these children would be so shocked that they would get rid of you for good, by shutting you into a closet labelled Paton.

It's only if you have a deep devotion to serve your younger brethren, if you have that deep love for all creation, that you can have the strength and will to live among them. It's only then that you can see the purpose of such a life, and feel the clean pride of living it, in the service of the Creator.

That is not acquired in twenty-five easy lessons, nor in 250 of them. Learn all you can - but DO NOT CRAVE POWER!

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Note to above article: Psychic sensitives and mediums have often described their unhappy experiences with common folk, but the Editor does not recall any other instance where an Elder Brother, or Initiate-by-Nature, has set forth this hidden side. We call attention of our readers to this very unusual article - and recommend it for profitable reflection.

THROUGH THE GATES OF DEATHby Dion Fortune.

(Formerly Warden of the *
Fraternity of the inner
Light).

"The spiritualist movement has rendered in -
calculable service in bridging the gulf which
used to separate the living from the dead. The
fact of the survival of bodily death has been
established beyond any possible question by any
reasonable person who will take the trouble to
acquaint himself with the evidence. (p.73)

"Purgatory is simply the forced realization of the significance of our own mis-
deed; its scenery is such stuff as dreams are made of - the dreams of souls forced
to face the truth." This scenery however has definite symbolic values. "Every
soul has its own personal symbolism derived from its own history, even as we find
in the psychoanalysis of dreams", plus the symbolism of its types of religious
faith. "But certain type-symbols are held in common." (58)

Purgatory is not wholly subjective - a mood is a place, on the astral, and
those in the same emotional state are drawn together. The atmosphere made by them
moulds the scenery of hell out of the plastic astral ethers... The private sin
which seems very harmless to us becomes nauseating if one has to practise it in
company of thousands of others doing the same thing. The sinner cannot stop when
he has had enough; the momentum of the place carries him on. But this experience
may be brief. Masses and candles are of no use to souls in purgatory, but telepathic
suggestion and healing are very helpful. (59)

We must not judge another man's heaven by our own standards. His heaven is his
wish-fulfillment, not ours. We must face the fact that the cat-burglar's heaven
would be full of easily climbed porches. (65)

('Let us beware of all partial accounts conditioned by personal experience only)

The sudden rally before death is caused by the soul regaining consciousness on
its own plane and making a last effort to concentrate on the body for the purpose
of etching the seed atom - impressing images on it. If this has been done already,
the rally may not take place. In cases of violent death the soul seeks immediate
rebirth, before the second death can take place. In such case the child soon dies.
(Note, cases of children with mature and intelligent eyes).

When the soul is withdrawn a change is felt by the watchers. During life a man
is under the lordship of the Archangel of his race and the Saviour of his religion;
after death this follows the soul, and the body comes under the Regents of the
Elements. The elemental Forces of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water withdraw that which be-
longs to them. In this they are helped by the cellular organisms of decay, the
saphrophytic bacteria (a life type fast passing out of manifestation).

The curious 'feel' of death rooms and fear of a dead body are caused by this
opening of the gates of the Elemental kingdoms. There are, however, four mighty
Archangels of the Elements who rule the elemental kingdoms in the name of God,
(Raphael, Michael, Gabriel, Uriel). Every rite for the dead ought to commit the
clay into the care of these four great Spirits before the Throne. If they are in -
voked, the atmosphere of the death chamber will change.

The etheric double is also physical and mortal. It might be called the electron-
ic body, a system of electromagnetic stresses meshing the cells of the dense body
and transmitting to them the vital force. When breath ceases the soul enters this
double and remains in it in an unconscious condition, up to three days. If it wakes
up while in the etheric double, "the ghost will walk."

Therefore do not try to get into immediate communication with the departed soul.
Our modern thought places adults in the same position with relation to the mysteries
of death, that children endure in relation to the mysteries of birth. There is a
conspiracy of silence which confuses the issues and places us at a great disadvan-
tage.

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* Dion Fortune died several years ago. Her most important work is The Mystical
Qabalâh.

"Obsession in psychiatry means that the mind of the patient is dominated by fixed ideas to which an abnormal mental condition corresponds. In psychical research obsession is an invasion of the living by a discarnate spirit, tending to a complete displacement of normal personality which is more or less permanent. The difference between mediumship and obsession is not in principle, but in purpose, duration, and effect" (Nandor Fodor, Encyc. of Psychic Science).

Dr. Titus Bull, for 20 years head of the James Hyslop Institute, published in 1932 some of the conclusions arrived at from his study of obsession cases during that time. The implications of these are most startling.

"An obsessing personality is not composed of the soul, mind and will of one disembodied being, but is in reality a composite personality made up of many beings. The pivot obsessor, the one who first impinges upon the sensorium of the mortal, is generally one with little resistance to the suggestions of others. He or she therefore becomes an easy prey to those who desire to approach a mortal in this way.

"... Some people may be born with tendencies which make it easier for them to become victims of mental alterations later in life... There is an influence which can be exerted upon the minds of mortals by ideas embodied in thoughts from their departed ancestors. In other words, some departed ancestors, whenever possible, attempt to mould the lives of those incarnated who are akin... There is a type of mortal whose mind is easily influenced by the stronger minds of the family group... The more clannish the family group, the more likely is this to be true on both sides of the veil. It is, however, not to be considered as spirit obsession in the true sense... The intervention of shock, however, or anything that could upset the nerve balance of a member of such family group, would place him in actual danger of becoming a victim of true spirit obsession.... The primary obsessor, in this case, would likely be one who claimed the right by ties of blood, who had no desire to do anything but to keep the mortal in line with family ideals."

Dr. Bull further asserts that "Obsessors have three major points of impingement; namely, the base of the brain, the region of the solar plexus, and the center governing the reproductive organs. It may be assumed that there are three composite groups, each starting with a pivot entity. What satisfaction is to be gained this way includes the whole gamut of human emotions."

The pivot entities act as automatic channels for the others. Many of them were victims of obsession before their passing. Others may become obsessors "thru the wiles of others." Not understanding what has happened to them they may be readily influenced to turn to obsession." Another important point is the "possibility of obsessions passing on to the body mortal pangs which were part of their own physical life." They retained in their memory the possibility of producing pain and as often they are unable to inhibit it in the possessed body, it must be beyond their control. "It is a fair assumption" says Dr. Bull, "that often the migratory pains of the living are caused by the memory pangs of the dead." The prime reason why the production of pain is beyond control is "the domination of another and more crafty entity who is using the pain-producer for his own purposes."

(RR readers may recall an inquiry made by Mr. Clarkson Dye, which showed that not a single mental institution in California recognized obsession as a possible factor in mental cases!! ... Those interested should consult the list of references given in Fodor's Encyclopedia, referred to above, Article Obsession.

"Jerusalem
Encompassed"

In the NEW AGE INTERPRETER for December last, Editor Theodore Heline writes of "Jerusalem Encompassed and the Mes - sianic Coming" - particularly of the Gog and Magog chapters of Ezekiel and the related passages in Zechariah, Matthew, and Revelation. "The day of this prophecy is now upon us. Daily we observe the world's political pattern shaping itself in conformity with the events prophesied to come. ...

"In the growing rivalry between the East and West we have two incompatible systems struggling for world supremacy. Neither is in any mind or mood to yield to the other. The position on both sides is uncompromising when touching the basic issues that divide. Were world conditions in general similar to those existing just prior to 1914, one could well believe that the present international controversies would be ironed out without too serious disturbances, and that the rival systems would effect compromise settlements and make permanent adjustments in the course of the years or decades. But such is far from the state of the world at this time. Humanity has thrust itself outside the sphere of orderly evolutionary processes into the disruptive realm of violent revolution. Hence momentous decisions must be arrived at swiftly. One world or none has become the current slogan, and the masses of people are nowhere disposed to wait a century or two for the answer. They want it now. This, therefore, is the historic hour with an age-long fate locked up within it, an hour foreseen and foretold by such spiritually illumined souls as Ezekiel and Daniel, as Luke and Matthew, and many others among that company of prophets belonging to olden times that have written of this day.

"The Great Tribulation of which Ezekiel and the Gospel writers speak moves toward its climax. The nations of the world were never before so sharply and so dangerously divided as they are today. The nineteen million men now under arms exceeds the military strength of the nations in any preceding so-called peace years. Preparation for further war is both open and threatening, and never in all history have so many millions lived in utter political and economic chaos as do the people of Europe today. Never have hunger and starvation faced so many hundreds of millions in Orient and Occident alike, and never have the people of the world held a fear such as that which came with the release of atomic energy and its possible use for universal ruin.

"Such is the existing situation, and there are no visible forces at work to substantially better it. Realistically approached, then, how will it terminate? Not peaceably. The forces that have been loosed are so gigantic and charged with such violence that every sign now points to a general worsening until they culminate in universal chaos and ruin even greater than hitherto experienced, until in the end the mutually destructive forces cancel out each other *

"The imagery in the Luke version is arresting, and the signs of the time point to it as more than a mere figure of speech. As the veil of matter is being rent and vision sensitized, etheric objects become perceptible. . . . Reflect for a moment on that recent mystery in the skies ... the flying discs... What were these strange objects? Whence came they? ... Let an astral communicator at least suggest replies to these questions. Some such were recorded in Round Robin, a scholarly periodical devoted to ... supersensible phenomena, and referred to in our issue of last September Then the voice added significantly "There will be many strange sky appearances ... Watch for them." ... The Great Tribulation is here, the Divine Approach is at hand. Such is the expectation of multitudes "

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This is admirable, fearless, and unequivocal writing. Our tentative assent to the probability of an 'atomic' war by 1959 or earlier has always been based as much on the whole world-situation, as on contemporary predictions we have printed. The various types of etheric and sky phenomena also fit into the picture now fast being assembled. We find the basic realism of the NEW AGE INTERPRETER most welcome, and absolutely essential to straight and honest thinking.

COMMENTS AND REPLIES

by

F.G.H.

(In RR IV-1 the Editor commented on various statements made by our Fr. FGH, adversely in many instances, and we here give the substance of his rejoinder. We do not pursue the topics further, simply because they have no particular bearing on the main purposes of this publication and would take up space needed for more significant issues. For this same reason we do not print his reply in full.)

Fr. FGH contends that all mathematical tests show that the earth is an oblate spheroid, and that all the planets and their moons have this same shape....Pressure at depth of a mile is so great that most rocks are quite plastic and would close up any cavity. In all mines and bore holes a steady increase of temperature has been noted in all cases ... The interior of the earth is not the terra incognita supposed. Beneath the rock crust of 20 to 60 miles is a layer of carbides; seawater seeping seeping into this is responsible for volcanic activity... The center is a plastic nickel-iron core.

Re underground races: The Brotherhood has complete records and assert that such races do not exist... The American Arctic land area has not been well explored, but the seas between Siberia and N. America have been - also Siberia. The Canadian North is now covered with expeditions in search of uranium deposits, strategic sites, etc.

Re an arctic opening: such an opening could not possibly remain undiscovered for long. Dust in the arctic may come from the Sahara or the Gobi, or be volcanic dust from Alaska or the Pacific. The pollen may come from anywhere.

The real origin of the "disc material" is unknown. No wreck of a disc has ever been found, and the material may be meteoritic. It may be a remnant of the first major world war, when the continent of MU was blown up by an atomic explosion..... The discs have a lot of berillium alloys in their structure. (The ones seen in Ky. were not discs but true space ships, slowing down).

I do not lump all mediumistic reports into the same pot, but I know the limitations of the locale and the minds in it. There as well as here, all knowledge is relative. Only in the realm of the Ego does knowledge become absolute. I know of no mediumistic report originating beyond the astral...I have never questioned the good faith of anyone connected with the Mark P. seances.

As to the 'Wise Ones of Shamballah' ... access to that place is open only to the highest Initiates, who have access to the planes of absolute knowledge (Atmic and Buddhic); it is also the abode of Personages not human and beyond the human, the true Heads of the Brotherhood. I am sure Fr. Layne is taking in quite a bit of territory in claiming to know the limits of even human knowledge.

Quotations by Reed (from Nansen) concerning fall of dust in the arctic evidently refer to an unusual occurrence ... there are no other such reports, and I never found these in Nansen, whom I have read extensively...

In the next issue we shall try to quote further from the comments of Fr.FGH. He takes vigorous exception to our statement that "final knowledge is not within the range of incarnate human consciousness." The question at bottom here seems mainly one of semantics. The glib use of the word 'knowledge' begs the question from the start, and the definition of the term is the prime problem of philosophy. The definition of truth is the culmination of the epistemological problem. For the human mind to have final knowledge of anything, it must have such knowledge about itself - which no philosopher in his senses has ever yet pretended to. From a philosophical and logical standpoint, any debate over the question as quoted is merely preposterous. But if our Frater wishes to define knowledge and the act of knowing, it will be a noteworthy achievement and our pages are open to him)

Researches in Reincarnation and Beyond
A. R. Martin

Review by Dr. Cosman:

Reincarnation has long been - and still is, for many - a debatable question. Yet in the light of this book it is possible to state that reincarnation is a proven fact, quite apart from any religious or mystical connotations, in other words, by scientific means.

When Researches into Reincarnation came into the hands of this reviewer, the facts presented seemed so striking, and the material and data so specific, that he took it upon himself to visit the author and interview him. Returning from an 11,000 mile auto' trip, I stopped off at Sharon, Penna., and sought an audience with Mr. Martin. I found that he was head of a firm of public accountants, and that in his college days he had majored in psychiatry, and had studied hypnotism as a hobby. He at first had followed the procedure of Dr. Cannon of England, who had tried to send the memory of his subjects back to the time of birth, but had not been able to project it further. Mr. Martin, however, found that hypnosis was not the best way to attack this problem, and was able to develop a method which has now been successfully applied in thousands of case histories, all carefully tabulated and filed.

The subject was seated in an easy chair and asked to relax completely, then was told that he was losing sensation in the toes, the heels, the calves, the thighs, then slowly in the body, arms, and neck. This procedure may take quite a long time, in some cases, but eventually the subject assents to this loss of feeling. Mr Martin explains this as an equalization of the vibration rate of the dense body with that of the mind. The moment this happens the mind releases itself from the body, in a certain sense, and the subject describes his sensations. He is in very light trance and able to converse with the examiner.

Presently the subject sees a small light approaching; this enlarges, and he feels as if he were entering a kind of tunnel or gallery. In this place he sees writings on the walls, which turn out to be records of his present and former existences. They do not appear to be memories, but actual records. He reads this record to the operator, and the latter by skilful questioning secures the whole life history. The results are nothing less than astounding, and it is difficult to understand why modern psychiatrists do not use this method.

When the subject becomes tired, a peculiar event often takes place. There is a transfiguration of countenance, and then a different voice begins to speak, announcing that he is the spirit Guide of the subject, and asking that the work be discontinued until the subject has rested. In this way the subject can review his different life cycles and the rest periods between them, and relives them over again.

In Martin's book fifty cases are reviewed, out of possible thousands. The effect is to force the reincarnation theory on the reader as the only possible explanation. Obtainable from the author, at 146 E. State St., Sharon, Penna., at \$3.00.

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Mrs H.M. Plemon (59 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calif.) has heard "reports" of materializations of human forms appearing (unexpectedly) in the course of purely scientific experiments with radar. Somewhat similar reports came to the RR Editor about a year ago, but specific information has not been obtainable. Controls at the Mark P. seances stated definitely that spontaneous materializations might occur in magnetic fields, provided some person of mediumistic powers happened to be present. Our guess would be, that the reports are correct, that materializations of some kind were actually seen, and that some one of the experimenters happened to be 'psychic' or mediumistic, probably without knowing it. And it is incidents like this which constantly strengthen our confidence in these Controls. We are NOT committed to any blind acceptances, of alleged data from the 'other side', but think the Controls should have credit for points scored by them. -- But chief object of this note is, to ask our readers to please send in any information available, about materializations occurring under such circumstances.

Dr. C. Van
Uchelen -
Reply to
Editor's
Comment -

"The idea of my article was indeed, as you realized, to arouse comment, and the Editor in many more words confirms that proof in a strict sense does not exist, and so was bound to admit that "no reasonable exception can be taken to the principle Dr. van Uchelen expounds". The principle is supported by Einstein's view on the unreality of things apart from the observer, and applies no less to physical than to metaphysical phenomena. However, there remain one or two questions: Did I mean to make an exceptional case out of the difficulty of finding proof for theories of causes in psychic phenomena? Yes, inasmuch as the phenomena themselves are more exceptional, i.e., less ready objects of study. Those who are qualified to deal with these studies are likewise exceptional, don't you think? As for the suggestions made by Blavatsky and Judge, I stated explicitly that these might be of special interest to their students. I did not imply that the quoted statements were the last word on the subject (neither were they so intended by their authors, I'm sure). Do I think that HPB and Judge were free from the personal equation? Of course not. Only I do hold the belief that as messengers of Greater Ones much of HPB's writings reflect knowledge far beyond that of the average scientist and scholar of their day or after - a fact substantiated by later partial discoveries. (See the interesting article series by Professor Ryan in The Theosophical Forum, published at the Theosophical University, Covina).*

"No man, not even the Editor of RR, can escape being conditioned by authority until such time as he is fully liberated, I heartily agree with the Editor when he quotes on good authority, that where there is no finality there is no place for dogma. Until we KNOW, it remains a question of personal preference whose comments we care to believe, whether of seance communicators or others - is it not? If the Editor prefers the former, am I to quote him and say irrefutably "Twaddle"? Hardly! For if he thought otherwise there would be no Round Robin, which many with me would really regret. ...

The Editor regrets being obliged to abbreviate Dr. van Uchelen's remarks. Perhaps he will not mind if I say that we share honors equally, since one reader refers to this writer as a 'flibbertigibbet', while another considers Dr. van Uchelen as "just a human-shaped bunch of electrons". * We recommend this series by Professor Ryan as being remarkably well done. "Forum" costs 30¢ a copy, \$3.00 a yr.).

KUDA BUX
again ..

Canadian Theosophist for Dec. 15 last carries an article by Francis Hillson, on "The Man with the X-Ray Eyes" - meaning Kuda Bux of fire-walking fame. The "Yoga" power of eyeless sight was largely natural in this case, tho' Kuda Bux has greatly developed it by concentration. He reads print and plays billiards while wearing the most perfect blindfold that can be devised.

"Anybody can do what I do. It is only concentration and practise. I practise every day. I take a candle and place it in front of me. Then I gaze at it steadily and think of the one I love best or the last person I have seen, until my thought is completely concentrated. Then I close my eyes and I still see the candle; more than that, I see the face of my friend... I confidently predict that within seven months from now I shall be able to see through stone walls ... and I have taken all sorts of poison, arsenic, prussic acid, carbolic - they have no effect on me, because I know I am taking them and I decide they shall have no effect ... (as to seeing) I see with my mind, which cannot be blind-folded."

In the Editor's own small personal experience, nearby objects seen in this way (with eyes blindfolded) often appear in a brightly lighted space - far more light than is 'actually' present... The whole subject of "eyeless sight" (Romain) should be explored, as having highly practical applications, and (sensibly pursued) being free from occult dangers.

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THIS IS THE UNSHAKABLE FLAME *

THIS is the Unshakable Flame to which I bear
witness without wavering.

This is the quiet Light that is small enough to be
cupped in my hand - yet it outshines the very Sun
himself.

This is no tearing fire to storm forth unleashed
and destroying.

This is no blinding flame!

It is only a little light like a candle: only a tiny
gleam that might be passed by unnoticed by many
along the way; yet it is more potent and commanding,
more useful to men, than all the fires upon and
within the earth heaped up together and burning.

I keep it in my house and I tend it carefully day
by day - but without any fear that it will ever
go out.

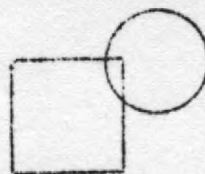
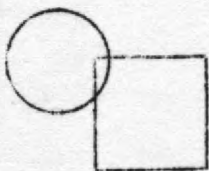
It needs no fuel to keep it, yet it is all - con-
suming.

It hurts not even the tenderest hand that can hold
it, yet it warms all things, and without it no
living thing could be found upon the world.

Although I do not worship it, I cherish and hold it
far dearer than any life I have ever lived, for it
has fed the root and flower of all of them.

This is the Flame - this - my immovable Knowing.

(as received by M.C.)



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